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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 95-1408-UUU)

In the Application of:)
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Sheppard et al.) Before the Examiner:
) Do, Pensee T.
Serial No. 10/726,337)
) Group Art Unit: 1641
Filed: December 2, 2003)
)
For: An Affinity Binding-based System)
For Detecting Particulates in a Fluid)

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 5, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks.

Status of the claims

Claims 23-25 and 27 are pending in the application. 1-22, 26 and 28 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.121, amendments to the claims are set forth on following pages 2-4, and Applicants' remarks set forth on following pages 5-6.

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